

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of 8/25/03
Approved 09/08/03

I. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Lloyd Sullivan at 7 p.m. There were present Jenifer Landman, Selectmen, Michael Pardue, Town Administrator and NormaJean Fowler, Recording Secretary.

Before beginning with the Selectmen Items Mr. Sullivan read a letter of resignation from Allen Hines. Mr. Hines resigned effective August 19, 2003 due to his moving out of State.

Ms. Landman made a motion to accept the resignation of Allen Hines. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Allen Hines. 2-0

Mr. Sullivan proposed that the remaining members of the BoS each come up with a list of proposed replacements for Mr. Hines and submit these lists to the Town Administrator. After the lists are submitted they will be compared to see if there is a match.

Ms. Landman suggested instead that the remaining members interview prospective candidates and then vote on a replacement at a future meeting. Mr. Sullivan agreed to this method and announced to the audience that anyone interested should contact either a member of the BoS or Mr. Pardue to arrange for an interview.

II. Selectmen Items

A. Oil Bids.

The two bids received regarding the supplying of oil were opened. The bids were as follows:

Lariviere, Inc.	K-1 fuel \$1.29	#2 fuel \$1.029 gal
Lamprey	K-1 fuel \$1.199*	#2 fuel \$0.949* gal
*If prepaid by 9/12	\$1.169	\$0.919

Ms. Landman made a motion to accept the bid from Lamprey. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

VOTED: To accept the bid from Lamprey. 2-0

B. Management Agreement for Audubon Society of NH to Manage Town Owned Little River Marsh.

Mr. Gordon addressed the BoS regarding the 58 acres owned by the Town. He explained that the Town had foreclosed on the property for taxes and waited the statutory period and it is the Conservation Commissions suggestion that the Town enter into a Management Agreement with the Audubon Society of NH to maintain the property and place the proposed sale of the property on a Warrant Article. He stated that when this issue previously came before the BoS there was a problem with compliance with RSA 41:14. According to this RSA the Town can be authorized to buy or sell property by complying with the following requirements:

- Meeting before the Conservation Commission
- Meeting before the Planning Board
- Two hearings before the Board of Selectmen

While the meetings were held, the hearings were not.

Mr. Gordon stated that the Conservation Commission will fund this Management Agreement through funds from the Fowler Fund. Mr. Sullivan questioned if the Conservation Commission would prepare the Warrant Article and Mr. Gordon stated that they would.

Ms. Landman asked what would happen if the voters voted the Warrant Article down. She wanted to know if the Management Agreement would be continued. Mr. Gordon stated that he would hope that the Audubon Society would continue.

Ms. Landman made a motion to accept the Management Agreement and put the proposed sale of the property on a Warrant Article. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

VOTED: To accept the Management Agreement and put the proposed sale of the property on a Warrant Article. 2-0.

C. Mosquito Control

Mike Morrison addressed the BoS regarding an update on the mosquito control program. He stated that because of all the rain and increased tides it has hampered the placing of larviciding and spraying and resulted in an increase in the mosquito population. He told the BoS that the spraying is based on the tides and because of the unpredictability of the tides this year they have had to adjust their spraying schedule.

Dr. Arena stated that he has never seen anyone come out to his property to treat for mosquitoes and questioned if Mr. Morrison had enough staff to adequately cover the Town. Mr. Morrison stated that he would come out to Dr. Arena's property and that he had 12 licensed applicators which is adequate to cover the Town.

Ms. Landman asked about the possibility of aerial spraying. Mr. Morrison stated that the State does not allow aerial spraying without a permit and that it would be cost prohibitive for the Town to obtain the necessary permit and hire an aerial spraying service.

Mr. Jon Rineman, a resident of Woodman Road asked Mr. Morrison about the effectiveness of the spraying based on the speed of the trucks. Mr. Morrison explained that when the truck is spraying it the speed is 10 mph.

Laurel Pohl asked about the possibility of spraying by the marsh on Cherry Road. Mr. Morrison said he would come out and take a look and report back to the BoS.

Ms. Landman asked Mr. Morrison about West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Mr. Morrison stated that North Hampton was in good shape. He stated that when West Nile is found it is usually found in dead birds before any human cases. Ms. Landman asked about the breeding season and Mr. Morrison told her that the season ends for the salt marsh in mid September and for the catch basins in October.

D. New Hampshire Estuaries Project Management Plan Study Commission Appt.

This discussion was tabled because there was no presenter from the Conservation Commission available.

E. Increase in Veteran's Exemption Discussion

Mr. Sullivan discussed the increase in the Veteran's Exemption. He stated that two years ago a Warrant Article was approved to increase the Veteran's Exemption from \$100 to \$300 per year but that the State capped it at \$100. The state has increased the amount to be authorized. The BoS has asked the NHMA to do research and let the Town know if it can be raised from \$100 to \$300. Ms. Landman thought that raising the exemption was an excellent idea. She mentioned that Veteran's had to meet the following conditions in order to qualify:

1. Must be on primary residence;
2. Must have served during time of war
3. Widows of wartime Veterans also could apply.

Mr. Sullivan confirmed the conditions and that once the BoS heard back from the NHMA they would make a motion to formalize the increase.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to appoint Ms. Landman as Selectmen's Ex Officio Representative to the Planning Board. Ms. Landman seconded the motion.

VOTED: To appoint Ms. Landman as Selectmen's Ex Officio Representative to the Planning Board. 2-0

F. Questions and Comments Related to the Above Topic Areas

Jon Rineman questioned if the Warrant Article pertaining to the mosquito control project had been put out to bid. He stated that if the Warrant Article was over \$50,000.00 it had to be put out to bid. Mr. Sullivan explained that the first portion of the project, the mapping portion, had been put out to bid, but the spraying portion had not been put out to bid. He also stated that there were only a few agencies that were qualified to perform this service. He told Mr. Rineman that he would look into this in the future. Mr. Pardue stated that while he fully supported putting this project out to bid, it was a time frame issue last year, with the deadline being just days away. He stated that the bidding process would need to start early in order to meet the deadlines caused by the weather etc.

Ms. Landman asked Phil Wilson who the alternate on the Planning Board was. He informed her that Rick Place, Beth Church and Laurel Pohl were the alternates.

Ms. Landman then informed Mr. Sullivan that she would need an alternate Ex Officio for the Planning Board meeting being held tomorrow night as she couldn't make the meeting. Ms. Landman made a motion to appoint Lloyd Sullivan as an alternate Ex Officio for attendance at the Planning Board meeting to be held on August 26, 2003. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

VOTED: To appoint Lloyd Sullivan as an alternate Ex Officio for attendance at the Planning Board meeting to be held on August 26, 2003. 2-0

Phil Wilson discussed the Estuaries project and that it was a wide ranging study on waste disposal and asked if the Conservation Commission knew what this project was about.

Mr. Pardue read portions of the letter regarding this project. Mr. Sullivan stated that all the BoS needed from the Conservation Commission was a recommendation as to a representative to serve on this project.

III. Administration/Business

A. Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Pardue made his report to the Board. Issues discussed were as follows:

1. Training is scheduled for August 26, 2003 at the North Hampton Library. No staff attorneys will be attending this training session, they will be attending the training in the future.
2. The electrician has visited the Town Offices and is preparing his quote.
3. The plumber is addressing the backflow valve issue as required by Aquarion.

4. The hiring process of the Police Lieutenant is continuing and interviews are tentatively scheduled for September 16, and September 17.
5. The Recreation Camp is over and was a huge success.
6. The drinking fountains are in at Dearborn Park. The tennis courts are being heavily used and the Town has received many compliments on the appearance and playability.
7. The Public Works Department is working to clear the brush from intersections where vision is obscured.
8. The Public Works Department is having problems with the backhoe. Repair options are being evaluated by Bob Strout.
9. The Road Agent, Fire and Police Department are reviewing the training programs in place for loss prevention.
10. Jan will be attending upcoming budget training.

Ms. Landman asked Mr. Pardue about the status of the video taping procedures of future meetings. Mr. Pardue has requested that he meet with the BoS to discuss this. Ms. Landman mentioned that decisions have to be made regarding the storage, public access and duplication of the videos and the cost of the equipment.

B. Correspondence

None

C. Approval of Minutes

- i. August 11, 2003 Open Session
- ii. August 11, 2003 Non-Public Session
- iii. August 15, 2003 Open Session
- iv. August 15, 2003 Non-public Session

Ms. Landman made a motion to accept the minutes of August 11, 2003 Open Session and Non-Public Session as amended. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

VOTED: To accept both the Open Session and Non-Public Session minutes as amended for August 15, 2003. 2-0

Ms. Landman made a motion to accept the minutes of August 15, 2003 Open Session and Non-Public Session as reported. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

VOTED: To accept both the Open Session and Non-Public Session minutes as reported for August 15, 2003. 2-0

D. Tax Abatement

None.

D. Veteran's Exemption

One Veteran's Exemption was signed off on.

E. MS-1 Extension Request Form

This was signed off on. Mr. Pardue stated that because the figures were not in yet regarding the conversion of the assessing software an extension was requested from September 1, 2003 to November 30, 2003.

F. Payroll

Payroll was signed off on.

G. Manifest

Manifest was reviewed and signed off on.

Ms. Landman inquired as to the possibility of future discussions regarding bids for trash hauling, painting crosswalks blue in front of schools and putting an announcement on the sign out front of the Town Offices to get people to support the Recycling Center. Mr. Sullivan stated that he had no problem with these items.

IV. Adjournment

Ms. Landman made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sullivan seconded.

VOTED: To adjourn the Open Session at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

NormaJean Fowler
Recording Secretary